

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add a new section directly before the "Technical Field" as follows:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a divisional application of United States Patent Application No. 09/649,427 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING A PLANARIZING PAD HAVING A FILM AND TEXTURE ELEMENTS FOR PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES," filed on August 28, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.